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The undersigned assignee, **Bently Nevada Corporation**, of 1617 Water Street, Minden, Nevada 89423, hereby appoints:

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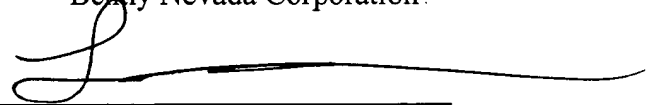
as agent to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with the application on a **Custom Rule System And Method For Expert Systems**, Agent's Ref.: 2057-pa, filed herewith, and to receive or make payments on its behalf.

Signature of the assignee:

Date:

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Bently Nevada Corporation.



By: Tara A. Plimpton
Its: Contracts Counsel

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